



# **Disaster Preparedness Month**

February 10, 2004

Dear “**Disaster Preparedness Month**” Supporter:

By proclamation of Governor Gary Locke, April has once again been designated as “**Disaster Preparedness Month.**”

The campaign will feature a roadmap to preparedness in Washington State. Each month during the year a part of the planning process will be emphasized. At the end of the year you should have a complete disaster preparedness plan, and be ready to face any disaster that might occur in Washington.

Enclosed in this packet is your disaster planning calendar along with materials to make your disaster planning easier and more meaningful. Additionally, you will find the Washington State roadmap with planning tips and historical information on the reverse side. To assist you in reporting emergency situations, 9-1-1 information and materials for adults and children are located in the left pocket of the campaign packet.

The 2004 campaign will highlight a statewide earthquake drill on **April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 9:45 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.** During the earthquake drill, radio and television broadcasters across the state will transmit a message encouraging all citizens of Washington to stop current activities and take appropriate earthquake safety action. Materials are enclosed to assist you in conducting your earthquake drill. If you are unable to participate in the drill during the dedicated time frame, please talk with your agency or family and conduct a drill, sometime during the month of April, that will accommodate your schedule.

If you need further assistance with disaster planning, please contact your local emergency management office. A listing of those offices can be found on EMD’s Website at [www.emd.wa.gov](http://www.emd.wa.gov). Campaign materials also will be available to download from that Website.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at Washington State Emergency Management, (253) 512-7047.

Sincerely,

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